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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: INDONESIA LNG PROJECTS

REF: TOKYO 9749

1. INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON INDICATES THAT OF TWO SEPARATE LNG PROJECTS IN INDONESIA, JAPANESE INVOLVED TO DATE ONLY IN HUFFCO/KALIMANTAN PROJECT, AND THAT GENERAL IBNU AND PERTAMINA CONTINUE EFFORTS DEVELOP SEPARATE MOBIL/ACEH LNG PROJECT WITH US EXIM FINANCING TO SUPPLY PACIFIC LIGHTING. GENERAL IBNU DURING DISCUSSIONS

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WASHINGTON JULY 24-25 WITH JAKARTA ECON COUNSELOR HEGIN-

BOTHAM AND OTHERS INDICATED OPTIMISM THAT PERTAMINA AND PACIFIC LIGHTING (PL) WOULD RESOLVE MINOR DIFFERENCES ON PRICING THIS MONTH ON ACEH PROJECT. U.S. EXIM PRESIDENT KEARNS AND IBNU BOTH EXPRESSED DESIRE MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY ON ACEH PROJECT ONCE PERTAMINA/PL AGREEMENT REACHED.

2. FYI: RECENTLY PERTAMINA SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR LNG SHIP CHARTERS WITH BURMAH OIL UNDER WHICH U.S. WOULD SUPPLY SHIPS TO CARRY LNG FROM HUFFCO PROJECT TO JAPAN. END FYI.

3. WE HOPE THAT INFORMATION IN REFTEL RELATED ONLY TO HUFFCO PROJECT AND DOES NOT AFFECT PACIFIC LIGHTING INTERESTS IN ACEH PROJECT. WE ARE ALSO UNAWARE OF TOKYO ELECTRIC INTEREST IN HUFFCO PROJECT. DO ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES HAVE INFORMATION TO CONTRARY ON EITHER POINT?

4. FOR TOKYO: WITH ONLY SINGLE SOURCE FOR INFORMATION REFTE6, AMEMBASSY TOKYO SHOULD NOT RAISE THIS MATTER WITH GOJ OR JAPANESE INDUSTRY OFFICIALS AT PRESENT. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY TOKYO REQUESTED IDENTIFY FOR US JAPANESE PRESS ITEM MENTIONED REFTEL PARA 2, PARTICULARLY INDICATING HOW "THIS PROJECT" IDENTIFIED. PLEASE ALSO CABLE COPY OF TRANSLATION, IF NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED, INFO JAKARTA.

5. FOR JAKARTA: SUGGEST EMBASSY DISCREETLY APPROACH MINES MINISTER OR OTHER SOURCE TO VERIFY JAPANESE PRESS REPORT ON TRADE MINISTER'S TRIP TO JAPAN AND DETERMINE TIMING AND IF POSSIBLE SCOPE OF MATTERS TO BE RAISED. ROGERS

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